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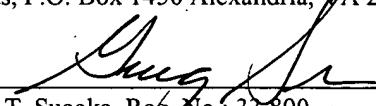
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Response to Official Action

SIR:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the official action mailed  
March 13, 2003.

Seventeen claims were originally filed in this case, and all claims were rejected.  
Reconsideration of the application in view of the attached declaration and the following  
remarks is respectfully requested.

In the office action mailed March 13, 2003, claims 1-17 were rejected under  
35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. ["Lin," 6,526,403], filed December  
17, 1999.

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) from the co-pending United States Provisional Application Number 60/182,839, filed on February 16, 2000. Moreover, Applicant conceived the claimed invention and began diligently reducing it to practice prior to the filing date of Lin. Thus Applicant submits that Lin cannot properly be considered prior art to the claimed invention. The Applicant believes that claims 1-17 are patentable, and the Examiner has not established the prima facie case of unpatentability. Therefore, Applicants request the allowance of claims 1-17.

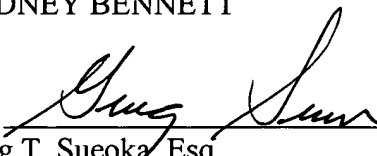
As proof of Applicant's conception and diligent reduction to practice of the invention claimed by the present application, Applicant submits herewith a declaration and exhibit according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 to overcome Lin. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the declaration and exhibit A.

If the Examiner believes that the declaration and attached exhibit are in any way insufficient to overcome Lin according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to discuss the matter.

Favorable action is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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